

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 27 January 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Interim Executive Directors of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and state the reasons for such declarations.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on Wednesday, 16 December 2009.

4. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2009

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 9 December 2009.

6. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2009

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 11 December 2009.

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7. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2009

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 December 2009.

8. REMIT FROM THE EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2010 – REVENUE BUDGET PROJECTED OVERSPEND (Copy to follow)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held on 13 January 2010, submit relevant excerpt from the minutes of that meeting together with a report by the Executive Director of Educational Services:-

- (a) providing an updated financial position and projected outturn for the Educational Services Revenue Budget for 2009/10; and
- (b) containing an action plan detailing the steps to be taken by the Department to address the projected overspend.

9. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET PROBABLE OUTTURN 2009/10

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with the probable outturn for the General Services Revenue Budget 2009/10.

10. BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND EXTERNAL SUPPORT (Copy to follow)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the new Best Value Improvement Plan and reviewing progress towards engagement of external support.

11. CLYDE VALLEY SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE

Submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) providing the Council with information on the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership – Review of Joint Working and Shared Service Opportunities (Arbuthnott Report); and
- (b) detailing the proposed priorities for West Dunbartonshire Council and seeking Council approval of these.

12. FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's revised recommendations for the boundaries of the Scottish Parliament Regions.

13. CONSULTATION – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking the Council's views on the terms of a response to the Scottish Government Consultation on the review of the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bolla – Campaign 250

This Council, in recognising the severe impact fuel poverty is having on an ever increasing number of residents in West Dunbartonshire, agrees to fully support the objectives of the anti fuel poverty campaign called "CAMPAIGN 250". Campaign 250 has been established in Clydebank with members from Dumbarton and Alexandria. The main aim of "CAMPAIGN 250" is to extend the yearly £250 winter fuel payment (WFP) currently paid to senior citizens, to all those in receipt of state benefits and those on low incomes.

This Council also agrees to write to the local MP John McFall seeking his support for the campaign and to ask him to raise the matter with the Westminster Government in the House of Commons.

This Council further agrees to meet with representatives of "CAMPAIGN 250" to see what practical support WDC can provide to assist the group to meet its objectives.

(b) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Nursery Charges

Council notes the lack of consultation regarding the recent decision to increase nursery charges in order to increase income by £238,176.25.

Had the Council properly consulted parents before taking the decision it would have been aware that the new structure has a significant negative effect on working women and as a result some of them may have to consider giving up their employment.

A proper consultation would also have shown that the new structure was not compatible with current working hours.

Given the above the Council agrees to rescind its decision in relation to nursery charges and calls on West Dunbartonshire Council to reintroduce the hourly charging structure with the 50% discount for second child.

Council also agrees to consult with parents and guardians about the proposed introduction of a 10% increase in nursery charges from April, 2010.

Note: Members are asked to note that the Council is required to suspend Standing Order 19 (a) prior to consideration of the above motion as a period of six months has not passed since the Council made a decision on this matter at its meeting on 25 November 2009.